GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
LOK SABHA

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Scope of Prevention of Corruption Act
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Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether semi/autonomous bodies like Indian Farmers Fertilizers Cooperative Limited (IFFCO) and Krishak Bharti Cooperative Limited (KRIBHCO) etc. are not covered under the ambit of Prevention of Corruption Act (PCA); and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps being taken to include such organisations in PCA?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions and Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office. (DR. JITENDRA SINGH)
(a) & (b): In the matter related to the Multi State Cooperative Societies like National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Fedration of India Limited (NAFED), Krishak Bharti Cooperative Limited (KRIBHCO), based on legal examination, an Office Memorandum dated 01.02.2013 was circulated to all Ministries/Departments by Department of Personnel and Training that the Members, office-bearers and employees of Multi-State Cooperative Societies would fall within the purview of Section 2(c) (iii) of the Prevention of Corruption Act and the Central Vigilance Commission is duly empowered to exercise jurisdiction over NAFED and KRIBHCO and similar societies under Section 8(1) of the CVC Act, 2003.

Based on DOP&T's Office Memorandum (O.M.) dated 01.02.2013, the Department of Fertilizers (DOF) issued an O.M. dated 1.3.2013 stating that the activities of Indian Farmers Fertilizers Cooperative Limited (IFFCO) and Krishak Bharti Cooperative Limited (KRIBHCO) stand covered under the administrative jurisdiction of Department of Fertilizers. Thereupon, IFFCO and KRIBHCO have filed case on this issue in the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi. The Hon'ble Court has stayed the operation of the said O.M. and the matter is sub-judice, which is being handled by Department of Fertilizers.

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